

## SUGGESTED ITINERARY FOR OUR WINE TOUR IN PROVENCE

### ***Day 1, Sunday***

***Arrival day: The French Traveler welcomes you to Aix en Provence.***

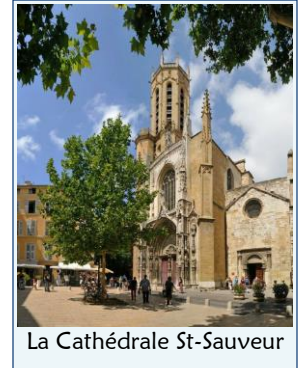
Take a few moments to catch your breath in this quintessential Provençal town. Afternoon at leisure before sharing cocktails and introductions this evening, followed by dinner at a renowned restaurant near our hotel.

**DINNER**

### ***Day 2, Monday***

Aix is full of architectural treats, as this historical city has been the home of nobility and seat of power for several centuries, mostly notably in the 14<sup>th</sup> c with the “Good King René.” During our morning stroll, we’ll admire the architecture, the boutiques, and revise our French history. Lunch together under the plane trees on a shaded terrace, then a must-see visit to Cézanne’s atelier and a visit to his favorite mountain. We’ll relax in the afternoon at a classic watering hole with a glass of wine and *bien sûr*, some French cheese.

**LUNCH**



### ***Day 3, Tuesday***

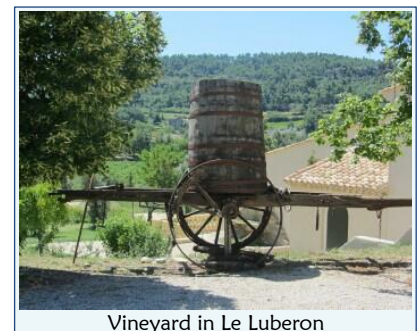
We’ll be spending the day outside Aix amongst the vineyards and the shockingly beautiful St-Victoire mountain, so loved and painted by Cézanne. A private visit of Picasso’s chateau is being arranged as well. A leisurely ride back into town through beautiful countryside, visiting a private vineyard on the way. Rest of the afternoon and evening at leisure.

**LUNCH**

### ***Day 4, Wednesday***

Châteaux, vineyards, rolling hills: a day in the Luberon with charming hillside villages and gorgeous wine estates to explore and taste. Watch the film “A Good Year” with Russell Crowe to prepare. We might even have time to stop in the village which features so prominently in the film.

**LUNCH**



### ***Day 5, Thursday***



Enjoy the morning at the vibrant market in Aix. After lunch on your own, an incredible visit to a vineyard outside of Aix that has incorporated its own outdoor museum amongst the vines. The wine storage itself (“le chai”) was designed by renowned French architect Jean Nouvel.

**MEALS AT LEISURE**

### ***Day 6, Friday***

Spend a leisurely morning doing what you like (pamper yourself at the local spa; play a round of golf in the shadow of the Saint Victoire mountain; visit a hair & make up stylist; take a painting class). We'll leave right after lunch for another visit to a private vineyard of world-renowned white wines with a drop-dead gorgeous location on the Mediterranean Sea. Wander the picturesque town this afternoon, take a boat ride to see the breathtaking "calanques", have a cocktail on the port and savor the relaxed pace of life. Return home late afternoon for our final dinner in an "Aix-quiste" restaurant.

**DINNER**



A seaside paradise

### ***Day 7, Saturday***

Departure today after breakfast if you can bear it, or stay another day to prolong the enjoyment and visit the renowned Côte du Rhône region with us.

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## **1-DAY EXTENSION : CHATEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE**

MINIMUM 4 PARTICIPANTS

### ***Day 7, Saturday***

***Chateauneuf du Pape!*** Is your heart beating faster already? This tiny region a stone's throw from Avignon in the Rhône Valley produces magnificent red wines noted for their intense color and long lasting qualities. Expansive, well structured, and blessed with a favorable *terroir*, these full bodied reds are known all over the world as excellent companions to red meat, game, and cheese. We'll have a gourmet lunch and visits to private vineyards here today. Return to Aix early evening; possibility of staying on your own in Avignon if desired.

**LUNCH**



The lush terroir of the area gives the wines of Chateauneuf their distinct flavor

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Final itinerary will be mailed to participant before trip.*